

Councilman Paul Cunningham's Ward 2 Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES:

- January 21: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 28—February 23: Tucson SoccerFest

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PAUL'S NOTE

I have two announcements to start off. Congratulations are in order to the Mike Feder of the Tucson Padres and Joe Dan Rogers Casino Del Sol All-Star Game for yet another successful sporting event in Tucson. The Casino Del Sol All Star game was broadcast on ESPN3 and served as a reminder that Tucson is a participant in sports commerce. Last year, my office spearheaded having the game established here and we appreciate the success of the game this year. This comes with the beginning of Soccer Fest and the 3rd annual Desert Diamond Cup. We started the Desert Cup with a light hearted meeting in my office almost four years ago with Greg Foster, Coach Rick Shantz and my former aide Demetri Downing. I never imagined it would blossom into the incredible partnership we now have with Major League Soccer.

This week starts a new chapter for me. I've accepted a teaching position with the Sunnyside School District.

It gets me back to my roots. Many of you know that I started off as a school safety officer in the Sunnyside School District. I enjoyed my time in that role. The legislature cut funding for these positions (School Safety Program) years ago. I thought it was a big mistake then, and look forward to assisting Representative Chad Campbell and the Governor in finding a way to reinstate the program. After the awful shooting in Newtown, Connecticut, there is now a renewed emphasis on bringing these officers back into our schools. I hope that the discus-

sion takes into account that these officers are not just security or law enforcement, but that they fulfill a variety of roles such as social worker, mentor and coach. A good school safety officer is a lot more than just a rent-a-cop.

We also need to look at other programs in our public schools as well. As a city government, we need to ask what we can do to make our public schools more competitive and attractive to businesses that want to locate here.

On a related issue, many of you know that a passion of mine is youth sports. I'm in the preliminary stages of putting on a youth sports summit. I'll keep you all up to date as that develops.

We had a light agenda this week in Mayor and Council. First off, we discussed parking rates. My main issue is that the Parkwise program be managed professionally and we obtain new technologically competitive parking meters. In both matters Tucson has failed to deliver that quality of service over the past few years. However, I feel that with Donovan Durband the new Parkwise director, the agency is turning around and performing at an optimal level.

We also discussed the future of Tucson City Golf. In the first of two motions we promised not to subsidize golf courses. I voted yes, I believe golf courses should pay their own way. The second motion authorized a challenge of the ruling of the federal government that changing Fred Enke golf course to an alternative use is a "significant change." I understand that ultimately if we are forced to close Fred Enke, we may have to challenge this ruling; I just do not



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understand why we are expending energy to do it hastily. Because of this, I voted no.

If Fred Enke Golf Course can prove it can pay its own way, why close it? I feel that many area residents like the golf course there and closing it and trying to re-purpose it could cost more than leaving it open. We need to consider the ecological implications of mothballing a golf course. I have serious concerns with how the conversation is developing and urge Eastsiders and

all Tucsonans to play Fred Enke if you want the course to stay open.

Which reminds me, a warning about the green on the Par 5, 11th; the sand-trap is bigger than the green, lay up on your 3rd stroke if you know what's good for you or you'll end up in sand. I know this from personal experience.

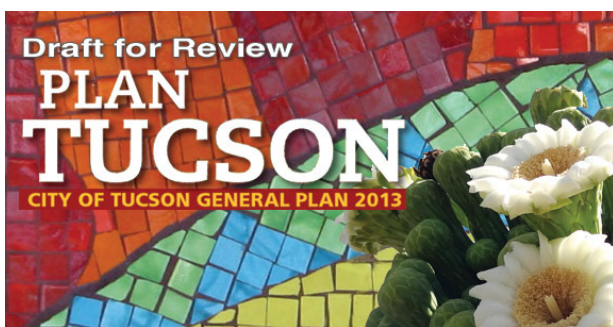
With that, I hope that all of you have fun on this three day weekend. I also would ask you to remember that this is a weekend set aside for

the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Please keep him in mind and try to use his example in your own life.

FINAL PLAN TUCSON OPEN HOUSE

Your last chance to weigh in on Plan Tucson is coming up at the Ward 2 office. This will be the final Public Open House, at which you may see a presentation on Plan Tucson, share comments, and talk one-on-one with staff. Please note the presentation will take place during the first half-hour of the Open House. Comments received at all of the Open Houses, along with comments received by other means, will be shared at Planning Commission and Mayor and Council public hearings in early 2013.

The Plan Tucson Draft is now available for review and comment. Hard copies of the Draft are available for viewing at the Housing and Community Development Department and the Mayor's and each Council office. Also, a series of Open Houses on the Draft will be offered in December 2012 and January 2013.



Thursday, January 31, 2013, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Ward 2 Council Office - Conference Room, 7575 E. Speedway Blvd.

SHRED-IT

There will be a community Shred-It event on January 19th at the Target store at 6500 E Grant Road. Organizers will be offering document shredding from 9 am to 1 pm and are asking for donations to the Community Food Bank.

UDALL PARK

Seniors will have an opportunity to take a trip and enjoy a historical tour of the San Xavier Mission and its restoration on Thursday, January 24 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The trip will also include lunch at the Golden Corral. Sign ups are taken at the Carol West Senior Addition. Call 791-4121 for additional information.

The Carol West Senior Addition will host "Bingo Bash" on Thursday, January 31st at 1:30 p.m. Enjoy an afternoon of Bingo with great prizes provided by CareMore! Refreshments and snacks will be served. The cost is \$2.00 per person. Contact 791-4121 for more information.

SENIOR OLYMPICS

The Tucson 29th Annual Senior Olympics Festival will take place January 18-27. The 10-day program promotes health, fitness and an active lifestyle among seniors. Registration is in progress and can be done online through www.ezeereg.com. There is a \$3 late fee for registrations received after January 1, 2013. No registrations will be accepted after January 11, 2013 and/or postmarked by January 11th. For complete information visit www.TucsonSeniorGames.org or contact 791-3244.

The Senior Olympics dinner and dance event, "Giddy-Up" will be held on January 26 from 6 p.m.-10 p.m., and at the Hilton East, 7600 E. Broadway Blvd. The event will include dinner, entertainment and dancing. The cost is \$20 per ticket. For any questions, contact 791-3244.

FT LOWELL SHOOTOUT

It's that time again! The Annual Ft. Lowell Shootout is the weekend of January 18-20. The opening ceremonies, Parade of Athletes and Soccer Olympics will take place at Ft. Lowell Park (2900 N Craycroft, Glenn/Craycroft) on Friday night, January 18th. The tournament takes place all across the city. Come out to the park and support the players!

FARMERS' MARKET

Tucson Farmers' Market East at Jesse Owens Park has made it through two years. Little by little, slow and steady, they have built a beautiful, vibrant community marketplace where the surrounding neighborhoods, including an elementary school and some of its children, stop by on Fridays to learn where their food

is grown. Neighbors bring their friends and business people stop by on their way to work to get that fresh cup of coffee, pick up fresh tortillas or maybe even a little breakfast. All happening in a little community park located off the main thoroughfares of Broadway and 22nd streets.

Tucson Farmers' Market East is located at Jesse Owens Park, 400 S Sarnoff Dr, and is open on Fridays from 9 am to 1 pm. Remember to stop by this Friday the 18th for 'Pucker up' as they celebrate all things citrus. Get all the juice on what varieties are available locally. Citrus sampling and tasting will be available at all markets, provided by Desert Treasures Orange Groves, the only remaining large grove in Tucson. Sample citrus marmalades, marinades, fruit salsas, as well as olive oils and citrus breads from the various vendors at the Tucson Farmers' Markets.



LA REUNION DEL FUERTE

The 32nd Annual Fort Lowell Day Celebration, La Reunion de el Fuerte will be held on February 9, 2013 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Ft. Lowell Park. The event will include historic sites walking tours, calvary drills, music, and youth activities. The event is sponsored by the Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Association, Inc., and the event is open to the public. Free admission. The park is located at 2900 N. Craycroft Rd. For more information contact 318-0219.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WEEKEND EVENTS

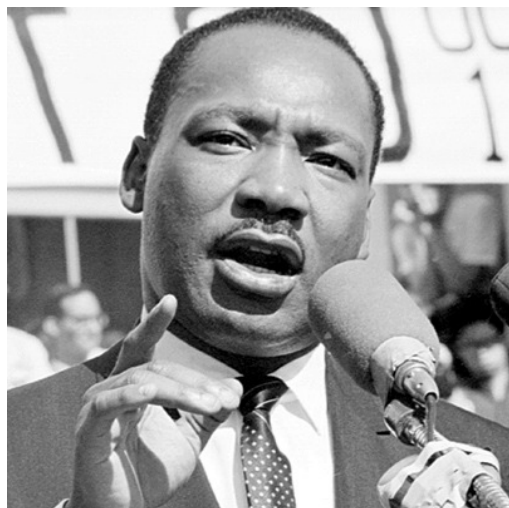
Monday is Martin Luther King Day. There are events around the city to mark the day and to remember the civil rights struggle.

*"50 Years: Civil Rights in Arizona from 1963 to Today" Exhibit Thru August 30, 2013
University of Arizona Library, Special Collections*

A new exhibition at Special Collections reviews how, 50 years later, the fight for civil rights has impacted local Tucson communities. "50 Years: Civil Rights in Arizona from 1963 to Today" is on display through Aug. 30 at Special Collections, 1510 E. University Blvd. A companion exhibition focusing on national civil rights issues is also on display in the UA Main Library from Jan. 15 – Aug. 30, 2013.

Highlights of the exhibit include national civil rights legislative documents from the Morris K. and Stewart L. Udall Collections, documents from the Tucson Council for Civic Unity archive detailing the council's effort to end discrimination and segregation in Tucson and Arizona, and photographs and papers from civil rights groups and individuals representing the African American, Native American, Asian American,

LGBTQ, and Mexican American communities of Tucson. An audio kiosk playing songs from the civil rights era is also part of the exhibition.



A lecture series featuring community leaders, University of Arizona scholars, and local educators will accompany the exhibition. All lectures take place at Special Collections on the University of

Arizona main campus and are free and open to the public.

*Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Luncheon
Friday, January 18 at 12:00pm
University of Arizona Student Union Ventana Room*

The Department of Africana Studies & University of Arizona Black Alumni present The inaugural Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Luncheon with Keynote Speaker Phillip B. Agnew, organizer of the Dream Defenders. This is a university observance and recognition of the legacy of Dr. King, and those students, faculty, and staff whom exemplify a commitment to equality and justice in their on-campus.

Pueblo Gardens Neighborhood As-

*sociation 23rd annual Martin Luther King Breakfast
Saturday, January 19, 7:15 am
2585 East 36th Street*

*Martin Luther King Jr. March and Festival
January 21, 9:20 am to 3:30 pm
University of Arizona Mall*

The March will begin on the corner of 2nd Street and Mountain and will continue on to Old Main's east side. Speeches and entertainment will begin at 10:00am and end at 3:00pm.

*Freedom Song
Singalong
January 21, 3 pm
– 5 pm*

*Temple EmanuEl,
225 N Country
Club Rd*

Local musician Ted Warmbrand leads songs that inspired and were inspired by the young people who made the American Civil Rights Movement movement.

*MLK Day Breakfast and Lunch
January 21*

The Tucson Black Chamber Of Commerce Celebrates MLK Day with a breakfast and lunch at Armory Park Senior center all while watching the inauguration of President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden on their big screen.

*"Set justice roll
down like waters
And righteousness
like an ever-
flowing stream." -
Amos 5:24*

T U C S O N S O C C E R F E S T

From January 28 until February 23rd, Tucson will be treated to high level soccer. The games will be at Kino Stadium, as well as the newly improved Kino Sports Complex. Contact FC Tucson for ticket information at 334-1115 or visit <https://fetucson.ticketsocket.com/>

January 26
Canada v Denmark, 1 pm, Kino Stadium

Desert Friendlies
All games at Kino Sports Complex, Field 5

January 29
Portland Timbers FC v Colorado Rapids, 11 am

San Jose Earthquakes v Houston Dynamo, 3 pm

FC Tucson v Sporting Kansas City, 6 pm
January 31
Houston Dynamo v Colorado Rapids, 6 pm, Kino Sports Complex

February 1
Sporting Kansas City v Portland Timbers, 6 pm
February 2
Houston Dynamo v Vancouver Whitecaps FC, 4 pm

February 5
Seattle Sounders FC v Portland Timbers FC, 11 am

February 8
FC Tucson v Portland Timbers, 11 am

Desert Diamond Cup
All games at Kino Stadium

February 13
New England Revolution v Seattle Sounders FC, 5 pm

New York Red Bulls v Real Salt Lake, 7 pm

February 16
Seattle Sounders FC v Real Salt Lake, 5 pm

New York Red Bulls v New England Revolution, 7 pm

February 20
Real Salt Lake v New England Revolution, 5 pm

New York Red Bulls v Seattle Sounders FC, 7 pm

February 23
Consolation match, 4 pm
Championship match, 6 pm

M A Y O R A N D C O U N C I L

The Mayor and Council meeting previously scheduled for January 23 has been cancelled, the next one will be on February 5. Regular Session starts at 5:30 pm following an afternoon study session. There is always a short call to the audience before the business portion of the meeting. Council chambers are located downtown at 255 W Alameda. The agendas for the meetings are posted online at <http://>

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Please bring these items to the Ward
2 Office for the following charities:
THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK—Non Perish-
able Items
DIAPER BANK OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA—
Infant/Child/Adult Diapers
SAAF—Personal Hygiene Products and Per-
sonal Care Products
TIHAN - Personal Care Items for Individuals
and Families in Need
ICU—Eye Glasses
DANCING IN THE STREETS ARIZONA—
Ballet/Dance Equipment